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MINUTES

of the

Ordinary Meeting of the Council

held in the

Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George

on

Thursday 26th October 2023

Commencing at 9:00am

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OPENING

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 9:07am.

COUNCIL PRAYER

The Mayor led the Council in the Opening Prayer.

ATTENDANCE

Cr SC O'Toole (Chair), Crs RG Fuhrmeister, RD Avery, WN Winks, SS Scriven and AC Benn.

Mrs Michelle Clarke (Acting Chief Executive Officer/Director Finance Corporate Services), Mr Chris Whitaker (Director Infrastructure Services), and Mr Digby Whyte (Director Community and Environmental Services)

Kim Wildman (Manager Tourism) entered the meeting, the time being 9:09am.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Benn seconded:

That a Leave of Absence be granted to Cr Osborne.

It was noted that Matthew Magin (Chief Executive Officer) would not be in attendance today.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 21 September, 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil

DEPUTATIONS

10:00am – Disaster Management Presentation on Shire videos.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Alex Benn declared a **Declarable Conflict of Interest** in accordance with s150EQ of the Local Government Act 2009, with respect to matters contained in **CIFS2** on the grounds that: Councillor Benn indicated he has a commercial relationship with the applicant unrelated to the report.

Councillor Benn indicated he would not participate in the discussion and decision making and would voluntarily leave the meeting.

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Councillor Robyn Fuhrmeister declared a **Declarable Conflict of Interest** in accordance with s150EQ of the Local Government Act 2009, with respect to matters contained **CCFS1** on the grounds that: Councillor Fuhrmeister is the chair of Care Balonne and they have previously applied for the community rates support.

Councillor Fuhrmeister requested that a decision be made under S150ES of the Local Government Act 2009 for her to remain in the meeting and participate

Councillor Samantha O'Toole declared a **Declarable Conflict of Interest** in accordance with s150EQ of the Local Government Act 2009, with respect to matters contained **CCFS1** on the grounds that: Councillor O'Toole was previously on the Anglican Church Parish Council but did not seek re-election in February 2023.

Councillor O'Toole requested that a decision be made under S150ES of the Local Government Act 2009 for her to remain in the meeting and participate

MEETING BUSINESS BY CORPORATE FUNCTION

(OCEO) OFFICE OF THE CEO

OCEO1

BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL TO DETERMINE SUPPORT FOR SWQROC/ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council receives and notes the report and the Motions from South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils that were submitted to and adopted by the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in June 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr O'Toole congratulated Kim Wildman and the Tourism team on the success of the "I Got Hooked" scavenger campaign.

OCEO2

YELLOWBELLY COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council resolves to:

1. Raise the cost of camping at the Yellowbelly Country Music Festival to \$15.00 per night for unpowered sites and \$20.00 per night for powered sites, amending the Register of Cost Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges for the 2023/2024 financial year in accordance with Section 97 and Section 262(3)(c) of the Local Government Act 2009.
2. Invest the same level of support for the 2024 Yellowbelly Country Music Festival as per the 2022 event.

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Kim Wildman (Manager Tourism) left the meeting, the time being 9:49am.

(FCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

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FCS1

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - OCTOBER - NOVEMBER COUNCILLOR WORKSHOP

Cr Winks moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That individual Councillors declare any declarable conflicts of interest for eligible Councillors to consider how they may or may not participate in Councillor workshops and/or meetings to comply with S150ER and S150ES of the Local Government Act 2009.

NIL DECLARED

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS2

COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 2024

Cr Winks moved and Cr Benn seconded:

That Council resolves to hold its Ordinary Meeting on 14 March 2024 prior to the 16 March 2024 election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rebecca Lomman (Arcadian Communications Consultant) and Josh Euler (Corporate Communications Manager) entered the meeting, the time being 9:52am.

FCS3

AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE 12 OCTOBER 2023

Cr Avery moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council resolves to receive and note the Audit & Risk Committee minutes of 12 October 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ron Petterson (Manager Community Services) and John Goodall (Community, Resilience and Recovery Officer) entered the meeting, the time being 10:01am.

Rebecca Lomman (Arcadian Communications Consultant) presented flood videos to the Councillors.

Rebecca Lomman (Arcadian Communications Consultant), John Goodall (Community, Resilience and Recovery Officer), Josh Euler (Corporate Communications Manager) and Ron Petterson (Manager Community Services) left the meeting, the time being 10:36am.

Council adjourned for morning tea, the time being 10:36am.

Council resumed from morning tea, the time being 11:01am.

Nori Luff (Manager Finance Services) and Craig Dreher (Accountant) entered the meeting, the time being 11:01am.

FCS4

FINANCE REPORT - MONTH ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Cr Benn moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council resolves to receive and note the monthly Financial Management Report for the period ending 30 September 2023, as attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Kate Swepson (Maranoa Planning Consultant) entered the meeting via teleconference, the time being 11:25am.

Nori Luff (Manager Finance Services) and Craig Dreher (Accountant) left the meeting, the time being 11:33am.

(IFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IFS1

PARKS AND GARDENS STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 10 OCTOBER 2023

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council resolves to receive the Parks and Gardens Standing Committee Minutes dated 10 October 2023 and endorse the following recommendations:

1. **SHIRE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS UPDATE**

That Council supports the proposed changes to the Shire Christmas Light Plan and a lighting consultant be engaged. Following this, a project request is to be submitted for the installation of festoon lighting at the St George Hub and is to include capabilities for warm lights and festive lights.

2. **SHIRE TREE PLANTING 2023/24**

That Council endorses the proposed tree planting plan for 2023/24.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(CES) COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CES1

MCU218 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE - "TRANSPORT DEPOT" LOCATED AT 15-17 LEWIN STREET, HEBEL (DESCRIBED AS LOTS 508-509 ON H3101)

Cr Winks moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That:

1. Council receives this report.
2. Council approves the development application Material Change of Use – "Transport Depot" located at MCU218 - Development Application for Material Change of Use - "Transport Depot" Located at 15-17 Lewin Street, Hebel (described as Lots 508-509 on H3101) properly described as Lots 508-509 on H3101, subject to the permit conditions listed below.

Conditions of Approval

Use

1. The approved development is a Material Change of Use - "Transport Depot" as defined in the Planning Scheme and as shown on the approved plans.
2. A development permit for building works must be obtained prior to commencing construction of the "Transport Depot" building.
3. The approved development is to be carried out generally in accordance with the following approved plans/documents and subject to approval conditions. Where there is any conflict between the approval conditions and the details shown on the approved plans, the approval conditions prevail.

Plan/Document Number:	Plan/Document Name:	Date:
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-	Site Plan	-
AP32250	Front and Rear Elevation	10 Feb 2023
AP32250	Left and Right Elevation	10 Feb 2023

Compliance Inspection

4. All conditions relating to the establishment of the approved development must be fulfilled prior to the approved use commencing, unless otherwise noted in these conditions.
5. Prior to the commencement of the use, the applicant shall contact Council to arrange a development compliance inspection.

Applicable Standards

6. All works must comply with:
 - i. the development approval conditions;
 - ii. any relevant provisions in the Planning Scheme;
 - iii. Balonne Shire Council Private Property Entrance Policy 2010;
 - iv. The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Queensland Division (IPWEA);
 - v. any relevant Australian and Austroads Standards and the National Construction Code that applies to that type of work; and
 - vi. any alternative specifications that Council has agreed to in writing and which the developer must ensure do not conflict with any requirements imposed by any applicable laws and standards.

Development Works

7. The developer shall ensure that all approved works are carried out by appropriately qualified persons and the developer and the persons carrying out and supervising the work shall be responsible for all aspects of the works, including public and worker safety, and shall ensure adequate barricades, signage and other warning devices are in place at all times.
8. The developer is responsible for locating and protecting any Council and public utility services, infrastructure and assets that may be impacted on during construction of the development. Any damage to existing infrastructure (kerb, road pavement, existing underground assets, etc.) that is attributable to the progress of works on the site or vehicles associated with the development of the site shall be immediately rectified in accordance with the asset owners' requirements and specifications and to the satisfaction of the asset owners' representative(s).

Fencing and Landscaping

9. A 2.0 metre wide landscaped strip is to be provided along the Lewin Street frontage of the site. This area is to be planted sufficiently to contribute to the amenity of the development and the street.
10. All landscaping works are to be completed prior to the commencement of the approved use.
11. Site landscaping is to be irrigated during an establishment period of two years, and ground covers should fully cover vegetated areas within one year of planting.
12. All site landscaping is to be maintained throughout the duration of the approved use. Any dead and/or unhealthy plants are to be promptly removed and replaced.
13. Site landscaping must not interfere with electrical infrastructure nor restrict maintenance access to any onsite infrastructure, public utility or easement.
14. Landscaping must not interfere with sight lines at access driveways for vehicle traffic.

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Waste Management

15. All waste generated from construction of the premises must be effectively controlled on-site before disposal. All waste must be disposed of in accordance with the *Environmental Protection (Waste Management) Regulation 2000*.
16. Adequate refuse storage areas and facilities must be provided on the site to service the approved development. Refuse storage facilities are to be screened from view at the street frontage and from adjoining properties.
17. All waste generated on-site must be managed in accordance with the waste management hierarchy as detailed in the *Waste Reduction & Recycling Act 2011*.

Stormwater Drainage

18. Stormwater drainage is to be provided in accordance with:
 - a. Queensland urban drainage manual.
 - b. Pilgrim, DH, (ed)., Australian Rainfall & Runoff – A Guide to Flood Estimation, Institution of Engineers, Australia, Barton, ACT, 1987.
19. Stormwater is collected and discharged so as to:
 - a. protect the stability of buildings and the use of adjacent land;
 - b. prevent water-logging of nearby land;
 - c. protect and maintain environmental values; and
 - d. maintain access to reticulated infrastructure for maintenance and replacement purposes.
20. Stormwater must not be discharged to adjoining properties and must not pond on the property being developed, or adjoining properties during the development process or after the development has been completed. The developer shall ensure that in all cases, discharge of stormwater runoff from the development drains freely to the legal point/s of discharge for the development.
21. There must be no increases in any silt loads or contaminants in any overland flow from the property being developed during the development process and after the development has been completed.
22. The stormwater disposal system must be designed to include appropriate pollution control devices or methods to ensure no contamination or silting of creeks or other waterways.

Earthworks and Construction

23. During construction, erosion controls and silt collection measures are to be put in place to protect environmental values and mitigate potential impacts to adjoining properties and roadway/s.
24. All earthworks for the development shall be undertaken in accordance with the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Queensland Division.
Note: A operational works approval will be required for excavation and/or filling works that would result in a change of 1m or more in the level of any part of the land or where any drainage path is affected.

Avoiding Nuisance

25. No nuisance is to be caused to adjoining properties and occupiers by the way of noise smoke, dust, rubbish, contaminant, stormwater discharge or siltation at any time during or after the establishment of the approved development.
26. Dust emanating as result of activities carried out onsite (both during construction and post construction) must be continually monitored and suppressed in order to prevent any dust

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drifting onto road networks and nearby properties and sensitive land uses.

27. All lighting shall be directed or shielded so as to ensure that no glare directly affects nearby properties.
28. The area and its surrounds shall be kept in an orderly fashion, free of rubbish and clear of weeds and long grasses. The approved development and the premises are to be maintained in a clean and tidy condition and not to pose any health and safety risks to the community.

Hours of Operation

29. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Council, approved hours of operation are restricted to Monday – Saturday 6.30am to 6.30pm – noise permitted. Work or business which causes audible noise must not be conducted from or on the subject land outside the above times or on Sundays or Public Holidays.
30. Noise emissions from the development shall not cause environmental harm of nuisance to adjoining properties or “Sensitive Land Uses” in accordance with the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2019*.
31. Air emissions from the development shall not cause environmental harm of nuisance to adjoining properties or “Sensitive Land Uses” in accordance with the *Environmental Protection (Air) Policy 2019*.
32. In the event that a bona fide complaint is received by Council in relation to noise or air (including dust) emissions produced from the site, Council reserves the right to require the applicant to submit an environmental impact assessment report prepared by a suitably qualified expert that complies with the relevant Australian Standards. Council may require further works to be carried out or management practices implemented to ensure any emissions from the site comply with the relevant standards.

Provision of Services

33. The development must be suitably serviced with a potable water supply and on-site wastewater disposal system, if and when required.
Note: The landowner/operator is responsible for obtaining any permits required to achieve compliance with the environmental laws relevant to the provision of onsite sewerage treatment and/or disposal.
34. Any conflicts associated with existing and proposed services shall be forwarded by the developer to the appropriate controlling authority for approval for any proposed changes.

Access and Manoeuvring

35. The developer shall be responsible for construction and maintenance of vehicle crossovers from the road carriageway to the property boundary and for obtaining any approvals that may be required, and for complying with the applicable designs and standards. Should any damage be caused at the approved access location, it is the landowner’s responsibility to ensure this is reinstated. Any repair works are to be undertaken in consultation with Council and at the landowner’s expense.
36. Vehicle driveways, access, car parking and manoeuvring areas are to be constructed of a dust suppressive gravel surface to prevent dust nuisance.
37. Vehicle movements within the site are to be clear of proposed parking areas, buildings. Vehicle access, parking and manoeuvring areas are to be clearly delineated from pedestrian access ways within the site through the use of linemarking, signage, bollards or similar.
38. Vehicles entering and exiting the development site must be able to enter and leave in forward direction. Reversing out of the development site is not permitted. Vehicle manoeuvres in this regard are to be totally contained within the development site boundaries.

Car Parking

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39. An area for vehicle parking must be provided within the development site that is distinguished from other use areas and vehicle manoeuvring paths.
Note: Persons with Disabilities (PWD) spaces are to be provided in accordance with the Building Code of Australia.
40. Car parking areas are to be designed in accordance with:
- AS2890.1 – Parking Facilities
 - Austrroads AP-34/95 - Design Vehicles and Turning Path Templates
 - The Access to Premises Standard' (Vol 1 of the National Construction Code).
 - Vehicle access, car parking and manoeuvring areas are to be sealed or compacted gravel surface to prevent dust nuisance.

No Cost to Council

41. The developer is responsible for meeting all costs associated with the approved development unless there is specific agreement by other parties, including the Council, to meeting those costs. This includes the costs of any services and infrastructure required in connection with the establishment of the development.

Latest Versions

42. Where another condition refers to a specific published standard, manual or guideline, including specifications, drawings, provisions and criteria within those documents, that condition shall be deemed as referring to the latest versions of those publications that are publicly available at the commencement of the development works, unless a regulation or law requires otherwise.

Application Documentation

43. It is the developer's responsibility to ensure that all entities associated with this Development Approval have a legible copy of the Decision Notice, Approved Plans and Approved Documents bearing 'Council Approval'.

General Advice:

- Refer to <https://www.balonne.qld.gov.au/council/publications/policies-plans-strategies> for Council Policies.
- The relevant planning scheme for this development is *Balonne Shire Planning Scheme 2019*. All references to the 'Planning Scheme' and 'Planning Scheme Schedules' within these conditions refer to the above Planning Scheme.
- The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Queensland Division is the applicable engineering design guideline for Balonne Shire Council.
- The land use rating category may change upon commencement of any new approved use on the site. Council's current Revenue Statement, which includes the minimum general rate levy for the approved use/s, can be viewed on the Council Website: www.balonne.qld.gov.au.
- Under the *Balonne Shire Planning Scheme 2019*:
Transport Depot means *premises used for the storage, for commercial or public purposes, of more than one motor vehicle. The use includes premises for the storage of taxis, buses, trucks, heavy machinery and uses of a like nature. The term may include the ancillary servicing, repair and cleaning of vehicles stored on the premises.*
- The *Environmental Protection Act 1994* states that a person must not carry out any activity that causes, or is likely to cause, environmental harm unless the person takes all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent or minimise the harm. Environmental harm includes environmental nuisance. In this regard, persons and entities involved in the operation of the approved development are to adhere to their 'general environmental duty' to minimise the risk of

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- causing environmental harm to adjoining premises.
- g) All Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in Queensland is protected under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* and penalty provisions apply for any unauthorised harm. Under the legislation a person carrying out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. This applies whether or not such places are recorded in an official register and whether or not they are located in, on or under private land. The developer is responsible for implementing reasonable and practical measures to ensure the Cultural Heritage Duty of Care Guidelines are met and for obtaining any clearances required from the responsible entity.
 - h) It is the responsibility of the developer to obtain all necessary permits and submit all necessary plans and policies to the relevant authorities for the approved use.
 - i) A Works in a Road Reserve Permit will be required from Council for any works associated with the development that are undertaken within the Council road reserve by private contractor/entity.
 - j) A permit from the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) to access the road network may be required.
 - k) All persons involved in the development, operation or use of the site have an obligation to take all reasonable and practical measures to prevent or minimise any biosecurity risk under the Biosecurity Act 2014.
 - l) An Operational works application will be required to be submitted to and approved by Council for:
 - a. Operational works that is excavation and/or filling where there would be a change 1m or more in the level of any part of the land or where any drainage path is affected; or
 - b. Operational works for urban purposes that involve disturbing more than 2,500m² of land.
 - m) In completing an assessment of the proposed development, Council has relied on the information submitted in support of the development application as true and correct. Any change to the approved plans and documents may require a new or changed development approval. It is recommended to contact Council for advice in the event of any potential change in circumstances.
 - n) The existing shed is not adequately setback from the boundary with Lot 5 on SP148030. As part of the Building Application, the setback will need to be increased or fire separation provided in accordance with the National Construction Code.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CES2

MAJOR AMENDMENT TO THE BALONNE SHIRE PLANNING SCHEME 2019

Cr Avery moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That:

1. Council endorses the submission of the major amendment to the Planning Scheme to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning in accordance with Chapter 2, Part 4 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules.
2. Council endorses the responses provided to all submitters, based on the Consultation Report outcomes.
3. Council continues to review the Planning Scheme to ensure it accurately reflects changes within the Balonne Shire.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kate Swepson (Maranoa Planning Consultant) left the meeting via teleconference, the time being 12:53pm.

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Gail Liversidge (Community Development Officer) entered the meeting, the time being 12:54pm.

CES3 **COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION: FEE WAIVER - QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE, ST GEORGE**

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Benn seconded:

That Council resolves to approve a Fee Waiver request in the amount of \$1,260 as requested by Queensland Police Service (St George) for their Roma Patrol OIC Conference to be held in St George from 7-9 November 2023 in the meeting rooms in Council's Cultural Hall.

AMENDMENT

Cr Winks moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council declines the Fee Waiver request in the amount of \$1,260 as requested by Queensland Police Service (St George) for their Roma Patrol OIC Conference to be held in St George from 7-9 November 2023 in the meeting rooms in Council's Cultural Hall on the grounds that government departments are not eligible under the Community Grants Policy.

The amendment on being put became the substantive motion and was carried unanimously.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CES4 **COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT: KING'S CHURCH (ON BEHALF OF COMBINED CHURCHES) - CAROLS ON THE BALONNE**

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Benn seconded:

That Council resolves to approve the Traffic Management Sponsorship of \$1,196.25 as per the South-West Traffic Management quote, as requested by King's Church on behalf of the combined churches, to host the Carols on the Balonne event at the St George Amphitheatre on Tuesday, 5 December 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CES5 **BALONNE SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MEETING (UNCONFIRMED) HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Cr Winks moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council resolves:

1. To receive the Balonne Shire Youth Council's unconfirmed Minutes of Meeting held on 15 September 2023

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gail Liversidge (Community Development Officer) left the meeting, the time being 1:17pm.

Council adjourned for lunch, the time being 1:17pm.

Council resumed from lunch, the time being 2:05pm.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

(CFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

Councillor Robyn Fuhrmeister declared a **Declarable Conflict of Interest** in accordance with S150EQ of the Local Government Act 2009, with respect to matters contained in CCFS1 on grounds that: Councillor Fuhrmeister is the chair of Care Balonne and they have applied for the community rates support.

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Benn seconded

That Council resolve under S150ES(3)(a)(i) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Councillor Fuhrmeister may participate in the decision despite having a Declarable Conflict of Interest in this matter.

Councillor Fuhrmeister therefore remained in the room.

Councillor Samantha O'Toole declared a **Declarable Conflict of Interest** in accordance with S150EQ of the Local Government Act 2009, with respect to matters contained in CCFS1 on grounds that: Councillor O'Toole was previously on the Anglican Church Parish Council but did not seek re-election in February 2023.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Scriven seconded

That Council resolve under S150ES(3)(a)(i) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Councillor O'Toole may participate in the decision despite having a Declarable Conflict of Interest in this matter.

Councillor O'Toole therefore remained in the room.

CLOSED MEETING

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council move into closed session, the time being 2:07pm in accordance with S254J (1) of the Local Government Regulations 2012 relating to CCFS1, CIFS1 and CIFS2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Alex Benn declared a **Declarable Conflict of Interest** in accordance with s150EQ of the Local Government Act 2009, with respect to matters contained in **CIFS2** on the grounds that: Councillor Benn indicated he has a commercial relationship with the applicant unrelated to the report.

Councillor Benn left the meeting the time being 2:29pm.

Councillor Benn returned to the meeting, the time being 2:44pm.

OPEN MEETING

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council enter into open session, the time being 2:43pm.

.CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Alex Benn declared a **Declarable Conflict of Interest** in accordance with s150EQ of the Local Government Act 2009, with respect to matters contained in **CIFS2** on the grounds that: Councillor Benn indicated he has a commercial relationship with the applicant unrelated to the report.

Councillor Benn left the meeting the time being 2:45pm.

Councillor Benn returned to the meeting, the time being 2:46pm

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RATES REMISSIONS - AMENDMENT COMMUNITY RATES SUPPORT RATES LEVY 2023-24

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council resolves to:

1. In accordance with section 122 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*, to grant the rate rebate as per the guidelines of the Community Rates Support Program for the applications received by Council, for the total amended sum of \$18,246.98;
2. Council accepts to round up one decimal place for off/uneven figures upon allocation of concessions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(CIFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

CIFS1

DRFA MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2023

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council resolves to receive and note the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Monthly Status Report for the month of September 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CIFS2

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DRFA) - CUBBIE RD AND JAKELWAR-GOODDOGA RD SOUTH - CN202215

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council resolves to approve the awarding of tender CN202215– Cubbie Rd and Jakelwar-Goodooga Rd South to AH&JH Earthmoving for the tendered price of \$7,920,580.55 (excl. GST); That Council resolves to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance S257(1)(b) with the Local Government Act 2009, to negotiate and enter into contract, finalise and execute any and all matters in relation to this procurement activity. Council may choose to defer award of contract until a revised funding schedule is received from Queensland Reconstruction Authority for the Phase 2 submission approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL BUSINESS

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

That Council receive and note the Councillor reports on their activities during the preceding month.

Councillors expressed their thoughts for the communities in neighbouring Western Downs Regional Council during the current bush fire crisis that has impacted so many people, their properties and resulted in loss of life. The Mayor has maintained contact with the Mayor and CEO of Western Downs and participated in the Local Disaster Management meetings to stay up to date with the changing conditions.

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INFORMATION REPORTS

(IOCEO) OFFICE OF THE CEO

IOCEO1 TOURISM SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

IOCEO2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 2023

(IFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

IFCS1 GRANT MONTHLY REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2023

IFCS2 MONTHLY REPORT DIRECTOR FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2023

IFCS3 BALONNE MANAGEMENT GROUP MONTHLY REPORT

(IIFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IIFS1 DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - MONTHLY REPORT

IIFS2 SAFETY MONTHLY REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2023

(ICES) COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

ICES1 MONTHLY REPORT COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2023

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 3:55pm.

Confirmed at a Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 16 November 2023.

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MAYOR